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1. Anak Farm, under the direct control of the Farm Administration Bureau of the Ministry of Agriculture, is the largest government-operated farm in North Korea. The total farm acreage is divided into three farms: Anak at YC259684, Angok Branch at YC290758 and Taewon Branch. The Anak Farm is on a mountain top and serves as the administrative center for all three farms. The farm land extends downward on all sides of the mountain for approximately 15 li. Total acreage is about 1,638,000 p'yoŋ (1,377.7 acres).

Equipment in Use at Anak Farm

2. The following equipment is in use at the Anak Farm:

<u>Kind</u>	<u>Manufacture</u>	<u>Number</u>
Tractors with accessories	Soviet	4
Diesel engine, 12 horsepower	Czechoslovakian ¹	2
Diesel engine, 10 horsepower	Czechoslovakian ¹	1
Gasoline engine, 8 horsepower	Japanese.	3
Gasoline engine, 4 horsepower	Japanese	7
Other gasoline engines		27

Personnel

3. Anak Farm employs approximately 1,200 persons; these include farmers, tractor operators, truck drivers, motor repairmen, and clerks. Farmers are assigned to farm groups consisting of about 30 people.² Each member of a farm group is assigned a plot of 3,000 p'yoŋ (2.45 acres) for the cultivation of rice. The farmers usually work eight hours a day, but during May, June, October and November, they work from sunrise until sunset. A rest period is allowed from 1200 hours until 1300 hours daily.

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Crop Quotas

4. Grade A farmlands are assigned a harvest quota of 3.6 tons of rice per 3,000 p'yong; Grade B farmlands are assigned a harvest quota of 2.2 tons of rice per 3,000 p'yong.³

Farming Techniques

5. One month prior to spring cultivation farmland is fertilized with calcium cyanamid using approximately 200 kilograms per 3,000 p'yong. It is then plowed with tractors, irrigated and tilled to ensure even fertilization to combat soil acidity. The rice is then transplanted and the fields treated with ammoniated fertilizer manufactured in Russia, the proportion used being approximately 100 kilograms per 3,000 p'yong. The fields are sprayed with insecticides. Rice is harvested with tractors and trucks and transported by ox-cart to mechanized threshing mills. Rice to be used for seeding purposes is disinfected with formalin.⁴

Organization

6. The main office of Anak Farm is staffed with a general manager, an administrative and accounts manager, an engineering manager and a chief engineer.
7. The branch farms are administered by a statistical technician, a bookkeeper, an assistant engineer for production, a production supervisor, a general affairs supervisor, an operations supervisor and a labor supervisor.
8. The farm groups are assigned a group leader, a statistical technician and a chairman of the Vocational Union.

Pay Scale

9. The monthly pay scale for employees of the Anak Farm is as follows:

<u>Classification</u>	<u>Amount in Won</u>
4th Class (laborers)	770
5th Class (workers engaged in heavy labor)	920
6th Class (drivers and skilled laborers)	1,200
7th Class (tractor operators)	1,600
8th Class (managers)	2,000

Rations

10. Rations consisting of half rice and half cereal are distributed to the employees as follows: general farm laborers are allowed 700 grams daily; tractor operators are allowed 800 grams daily, the amount being increased to 1,000 grams when they are actually engaged in operating tractors. Dependents of employees receive a daily ration of 300 grams which is increased to 400 grams in the case of male middle school and high school students.

Quarters and Fuel

11. Employees who live in the vicinity of Anak Farm are permitted to occupy their own homes. Employees whose homes are distant from the area are usually required to live in dormitories furnished by the Farm.⁵ During the winter approximately 50 bundles of peat and a half ton of coal are distributed to each household. Employees supplement their fuel allotment by burning straw.

Personalities

12. The following persons were employed at Anak Farm

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank and Assignment</u>
CHANG Mun-p'yo	General Manager
YUN Ch'on-kap	Chief, Angok Branch Farm

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank and Assignment</u>
KIM Se-hyon	Labor Supervisor
KWON Yong-chang	Group Leader, 11th Group
CH'OE Nak-hyon	Chairman, Vocational Union
YUN Won-chung	Group Leader, 10th Group
YI Chung-man	Group Leader, 4th Group

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Comments

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1. The 12 and 10 horsepower engines are used to pump water into the rice paddies during the summer. The engines are also used in the fall during the harvest to operate the threshing machine.
2. The Angok Branch Farm had 11 farm groups and the Taewon Branch Farm had 12.
3. In 1953 the Anak Farm produced 104 percent of its assigned quota, but in 1954 produced only 76 percent of its assigned quota.
4. These farming techniques will be employed during the 1954 farming year, but from 1956 on, the Farm Administration Bureau intends to increase the scale of mechanization at the Anak Farm and at the same time introduce additional scientific farming techniques.
5. Since January 1955, because of the shortage of dormitory facilities at the Anak Farms, only 60 percent of the out-of-town employees live on the premises. New dormitories are currently being erected to accommodate all out-of-town employees.

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